

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	Docket No. P11712.00 / 31849.35
Shores et al.	§	
	§	Customer No. 27683
Serial No.: 10/698,638	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: October 31, 2003	§	
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For: COUPLING SYSTEM FOR	§	
SURGICAL INSTRUMENT	§	Confirmation No.: 3375

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED AUGUST 21, 2007**

I. Introductory Remarks

The present paper is submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed August 21, 2007.

No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees are necessary, including extension of time fees, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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